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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PPDC, BG

SUBJECT:LETTER FROM CARTER TO ZIA

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO  
PRESIDENT ZIA. PLEASE DELIVER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND  
ADVISE. SIGNED LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 4 BEING POUCHED.

QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

SOME WEEKS AGO, I WAS PLEASED TO SEND YOU MY CONGRATULA-  
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YOUR COUNTRY, UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP, IS ENDEAVORING TO  
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I APPRECIATE THE POINTS WHICH YOU LAID OUT IN YOUR LETTER OF JUNE 26 ABOUT BANGLADESH'S CANDIDACY FOR A SEAT ON THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL. AS YOU KNOW, THE UNITED STATES CUSTOMARILY DEFERS TAKING ANY POSITION ON ELECTIONS TO UNITED NATIONS BODIES UNTIL THE PREFERENCES OF THE RESPECTIVE REGIONAL GROUPS ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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WITH BEST PERSONAL REGARDS, SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER.  
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